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U.S. Forest Service
Fishlake National Forest
115 East 900 North
Richfield, Utah 84701

J. Erickson
12/04/2007

Dear Ms. Erickson:

Our office has received your letter dated December 3, 2007 concerning the applications for two coal lease modifications (SL-062583 and UTU-47080) filed in this office on July 5, 2007, by Ark Land Company for Canyon Fuel Company. The Fishlake National Forest has reviewed the applications and has determined that the application is consistent with the Forest Plan direction and are therefore, both available for further consideration for coal leasing based on an environmental analysis.

As noted by your letter, due to the current Fishlake National Forest NEPA workload and the fact that these two coal lease modifications involve minimum surface disturbance, you have requested that BLM be designated as the lead agency with Fishlake National Forest being a cooperating agency concerning the environmental analysis. As the lead agency, we will proceed with requesting the applicant to contract the NEPA compliance to support the leasing decision to be made BLM following the consent by the Forest Service.

We look forward to working with the Fishlake National Forest on the processing of this application. If you have further questions concerning this process, please contact Jim Kohler at (801) 539-4037 or Roger Bankert at (435) 636-3600.

Sincerely,

Kent Hoffman

Kent Hoffman
Deputy State Director
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